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TAGS: PFOR, JM, OAS, CU, XM

SUBJECT: MFM: DUDLEY THOMPSON ON CUBA

REF: KINGSTON 657

1. FOLLOWING ARE REMARKS (AS TAKEN DOWN BY EMBOFF WHO ATTENDED SESSION) MADE BY DUDLEY THOMPSON DURING CLOSED DEBATE ON ITEM 8 OF MFM AGENDA (PANORAMA OF U.S.-LATIN RELATIONS). IMMEDIATELY AFTER MAKING THESE STATEMENTS, THOMPSON LEFT PLENARY HALL AND PROCEEDED TO GIVE PRESS VIVID ACCOUNT OF HIS OUTBURSE. AS ONE OF THE MORE FLAMBOYANT AND MOST OUTSPOKEN OF REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND MFM, THOMPSON RANKED HIGH AMONG THOSE GARNERING PRESS COVERAGE.

2. QUOTE: WHEN I SET FORTH MY POSITION EARLIER, IT WAS IN HOPE THAT OTHERS WOULD RAISE SUBJECT OF CUBA AND THAT BY NOW THAT TOPIC WOULD HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED. IN FACT, CUBA HAS BEEN MENTIONED APOLOGETICALLY AND BY INDIRECTION. WITHIN THIS CONFERENCE IT SEEMS TO BE A FOUR-LETTER WORD. I DON'T WANT TO DETERMINE OTHERS' RELATIONS AND ATTITUDES, BUT I REFUSE TO PLAY THE ROLE OF AN OSTRICH WITH ITS HEAD IN THE SAND. I KNOW THAT THE GOVERNING QUESTION IS STILL U.S.-CUBAN RELATIONS. I WANT TO ADDRESS A REALITY THAT IS 90 MILES FROM MY SHORE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF AN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXTRA HEMISPHERIC POWER WITH WHICH THE U.S. IS IN DETENTE.

VARIOUS REFERENCES (E.G., RESTRICTIVE LEGISLATION, ETC.) MADE  
HERE ALLUDE TO CUBA. OVERNIGHT THERE HAVE BEEN MOMENTOUS CHANGES  
IN THIS HEMISPHERE. MORE RECENTLY THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF EVEN  
MORE CHANGES TO COME. WE ARE SPEAKING OF "COMMUNITY". IN THE  
CARIBBEAN WE USE THAT TERM PRECISELY; WE KNOW WHAT WE MEAN. I  
FEEL THAT HINTS OF CHANGE ABOUT POLICY VIS-A-VIS CUBA ARE  
INCOMPATIBEL AND A SUBTERFUGE. WE SHOULD FACE THE ISSUE DIRECTLY.  
WE HAVE AVOIDED REFERENCE TO CUBA. THE BEST WAY TO ACHIEVE  
COORDINATION IS SYSTEMATICALLY TO SHAPE THE FUTURE. THERE ARE  
TIMES WHEN SILENCE IS GOLDEN. I THINK THAT AT THIS MOMENT  
SILENCE IS STUPIDITY. I INVITE THE U.S. TO FILL THIS ELOQUENT  
VOID OF SILENCE ON THE QUESTION OF CUBA. UNQUOTE.  
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